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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government participated in the Indo-Israel Joint Committee of Scientists in October, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of the Indian delegation;

(c) whether India and Israel are implementing more than 25 joint research projects at present;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any priority is being given to any particular area of research; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Indian delegation for the Fifth Meeting of the Indo Israel Joint Committee of Scientists held in New Delhi in October, 2002 was led by the Secretary, Department of Science & Technology and represented by Department of Biotechnology, Department of Science & Technology, Department of Information Technology, Ministry of External Affairs, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and Technology Information Forecasting and Assessment Council.

(c) to (f) : Twenty eight Joint Research projects have so far been implemented under the Indo-Israel Programme of Cooperation in Science & Technology in different subject areas, e.g. Advanced Materials, Agricultural Biotechnology, Information Technology, Lasers & Electro- optics and Human Genome.Action has been initiated to obtain joint research proposals in the area of genomics for implementation during 2003-04. During the Joint Committee meeting in 2002, a fresh Working Programme of Cooperation in Science & Technology was concluded for the period 2003-04 in which three subjects viz. Nanotechnology, Genomics and Science & Technology Policy Management have been identified for initiation and implementation of cooperation projects under the programme.